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Green Aruba Science Fair for school children announced as part of the upcoming Conference and Trade Fair

Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Mike de Meza welcomed school children from the EPI Unit of Science and Technology as well as students from the International School of Aruba (ISA) for the announcement of Aruba's first Green Energy Science Fair for island children of all ages. The program was presented in the auditorium of the EPI school yesterday morning by J. Freddy Vargas, director of the company organizing the event, Engysol,

and one of the guest speakers at the Green Aruba Energy Congress and Trade Fair.

The Green Aruba Science Fair challenges students to present their ideas for practical aspects of “clean,” renewable energy, and will be part of the Trade Fair open to the public October 1, 2 and 3, 2010. The first days of the event, September 28 to 30, will consist of the Green Energy Congress with a number of guest lecturers and workshops. The entire event will to be conducted in the Renaissance Convention Cen-

ter.

Mr. Vargas informed the youngsters present they are all expected to participate, and the first 50 students to register for the science fair will be awarded free entry to

all aspects of the Aruba Green Energy Conference and Trade Fair.

Both Prime Minister Eman and Minister de Meza expressed the importance of Aruba finding an answer to

its energy needs in a clean, renewable source that will insure the island's independence from fossil fuels.

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Storm systems gather strength in the Atlantic

MIAMI (AFP) - Hurricane Danielle and Tropical Storm Earl strengthened Thursday in the open waters of the Atlantic but were unlikely to make landfall for days, the Miami-based National Hurricane Center said.

Models show Danielle passing east of Bermuda over the weekend, close enough to drench the island chain. Danielle is likely to miss the east coast of the US but could threaten the Canadian coast to the north by next week.

At 2100 GMT Danielle, a Category Two hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson wind scale, was 680 miles (1,095 kilometers) southeast of Bermuda moving northwest at 15 miles per hour, the NHC said.

Danielle was packing winds of 110 miles per hour

and was expected to strengthen and become a major hurricane by late Thursday or Friday, the NHC said.

Further out in the Atlantic, southeast of Danielle, Tropical Storm Earl was moving west with winds of up to 45 miles per hour, the NHC said. Forecasters expect Earl to reach hurricane status by Saturday.

At 2100 GMT Earl was some 1,620 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, moving west at around 18 miles per hour.

NHC forecasters expected Earl to make a northwesterly turn and gain strength as it passes over warm water.

On the current forecast Earl is expected to skirt the northeast of the Caribbean islands over the weekend, then turn north like Danielle.

Meanwhile in the Pacific, Hurricane Frank continued its march east away from the Mexican coast.

At 2100 GMT Frank, a Category One hurricane, was located some 335 miles south of the tip of the Baja California peninsula, heading west with winds of 90 miles per hour.

A weakened Frank could strike Baja California next week, the NHC said.

Heavy rain from Frank on Tuesday flooded homes, triggered landslides and damaged roads and bridges in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca, affecting more than 100 towns, local officials said.

Authorities evacuated at least 3,000 people in Oaxaca, and several thousand more in the neighboring state of Veracruz, where rivers burst their banks.

Pakistan orders nearly half a million to evacuate



THATTA (AFP) - Flood-ravaged Pakistan ordered nearly half a million people to evacuate towns Thursday as the United Nations vowed to

forge ahead with relief operations despite threats against foreign aid workers.

Torrential monsoon rains triggered massive floods af-

fecting a fifth of the volatile country -- an area roughly the size of England -- where US officials have reported threats by the Taliban.

But UN humanitarian chief John Holmes pledged relief operations would continue.

"We will not be deterred from doing what we believe we need to do, which is to help the people of Pakistan," he told a news conference at the world body's headquarters in New York.

"Those threats existed before the floods and we've always known that the security issues are there," he said.

As the crisis deepened, villagers in the south fled from where the Indus delta merges with the Arabian Sea, trailing north in vans laden with furniture, crowded into buses, or in carts pulled by oxen. Some people were on foot, leading their livestock.

Chile mine faces first lawsuit alleging criminal negligence

COPIAPO, Chile (AFP) - Families of the 33 trapped miners awaiting a months-long rescue bid filed Thursday what could be the first of many lawsuits accusing the mine owner of criminal negligence.

San Esteban Mining, the owner of the gold and copper shaft in northern Chile, was also ordered by a local judge to freeze 1.8 million dollars in revenue so that it can pay future compensation to 26 of the families.

The litigation swirled as officials became increasingly concerned about the mental wellbeing of the miners who have been stuck below ground for three weeks after the entrance to the mine collapsed on August 5.

Experts say the process of digging a rescue shaft to the emergency shelter where the men are, 700 meters (2,300 feet) below the surface, will take up to four months to complete.

Some of the men were al-

ready exhibiting psychological "problems," Chilean Health Minister Jaime Manalich was quoted as saying to CNN.

They were having trouble sleeping and were becoming increasingly anxious and irritable after being cramped in the confined space for so long, he said.

The 33 men were told for the first time on Wednesday that their rescue would take a long time, certainly more than two months, but were not given engineers' estimates that it could be twice that.

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"Lens di Mi Wowonan" 2010 opens to the public on Press Day, September 1



Veteran press photographer Leo Vrolijk and President of the RBTT Bank, Edna Farro, were proud to announce for the third consecutive year, RBTT Bank will again sponsor a tribute to the continuing efforts of Aruba's hardworking press photographers with a repeat of their group exposition "Lens di Mi Wowonan" (The Lens of my Eyes.)

Leo proposed his concept of an exposition dedicated to news photography to RBTT Bank in 2008 and they responded enthusiastically; each year since the first exposition the number of photographs submitted has grown.

This year's collected works of new photographs

from over 35 participants will be on display to the public for one month beginning on September 1, Aruba's "Dia di Prensa" (Press Day,) at the National Library Archive building on Bachstraat, in Oranjestad. As this was a very busy year for Aruba, with important changes, it is expected the collection will be a fascinating chronicle of current events; history as it occurred.

The exposition will be on display during regular library hours; Edna Farro expressed the great pride RBTT Bank feels in supporting Aruba's press and their important work.

by Rosalie Klein

Fashion design and drawing and illustration workshop for youngsters

ORANJESTAD -- In connection with the celebration of Cultural Month in September, the Aruba National Library is organizing different activities. On Wednesday, September 1, there will be a drawing and illustration workshop from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. They also organized a two-day Fashion Design workshop, on Wednesday, September 8 and September 15, also from 4 to 6 p.m.

During the illustration workshop the anatomy and figure of a male or female model will be studied. This will serve as the basis to make a design for the selected figure. All the different aspects play an important role when drawing a model/figure, the perspective, direction and anatomy.

The Fashion workshop concentrates on:

- How the participants

wants to present themselves and how they wish to see each other in the creation.

- Identify yourself by means of a 'Ami Ta...' design

The participants will get assistance when choosing material and color combinations. They can choose to design a male, female or a child. From basic principles they will design something unique, according to their taste and preferences, by using simple techniques. Each idea/concept will receive guidance by a teacher.

The workshops will be given by local artist Vanessa Paulina, who has a degree in fashion and illustrating.

Persons interested to participate can register via email at info@bibliotecanacional.aw or call at tel. 582-1580. **Last day of inscription is today, August 27.**

The St. Theresita Church invites everyone to the Holy Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes

Every last Saturday of the month

SAN NICOLAS -- On a drive to the northeastern coast from San Nicolas is a unique Roman Catholic shrine built into a rock. The grotto is located in Seroe Preto (black hill). The Lourdes Grotto - named in commemoration of the famous French religious landmark - was created under the guidance of a priest named "Erkamp" and parishioners in the year 1958. A statue of the Virgin Mary, weighing 700 kilos, was hoisted into place in the grotto.

Every year, on February 11 (feast of Lady of Lourdes), a procession leaves from the St. Theresita church in San Nicolas to the grotto, where a mass is performed.

The St. Theresita Church in San Nicolas organizes every last Saturday of the Month a Holy Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes. Everybody is invited to join this celebration at this unique spot from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information please contact Mr. Juan Werleman at tel. 561-2388.

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Anthony Trinidad (L) and Marlon Maduro on solar-powered hovercraft.

They expressed this is a priority of the present administration and they believe the younger generation will lead the way.

Freddy Kelkboom was present on behalf of Eco-tech Waste Management, principal

sponsor of the science fair, which will award cash prizes for the top two winners in the older age category.

Upon exiting the auditorium, two students of the EPI Science and Technology Unit, Marlon Maduro and Anthony

Trinidad, demonstrated the innovative thinking the science fair wishes to stimulate with a solar-powered hovercraft they built, which was much admired by students and government officials.

by Rosalie Klein

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“Landscape painting” workshop by local artist Elvis Tromp



Aruba national Library, in connection with Cultural Month, is organizing different activities and workshops. On Monday, September 6 and 13, there will be a “Landscape painting” workshop, from 4:45 to 7:45 p.m.

To paint a landscape, the painter must study the composition and perspective of a landscape. Elvis Tromp will show, in a simple way, how to set up a landscaping painting to give it life and depth. He will also give valuable tips on how to work with light to brighten your painting.

The method used will be acrylic. Elvis Tromp, an autodidactic painter with a long trajectory, will give this workshop. His style has undergone different evolutions

which he applies to his creations. At first he was known for his (sur) realistic atmospheric paintings, even mystic, in which he primary uses oleo paint. In his 2005 exposition “The Quest” his transformation matured and manifested itself more intensively, using basic elements - lines, color and space - he achieved to present a colorful abstract collection where the acrylic paint was dominant and the figure recognizable only thru a combination of lines and color.

For more information and registration for this interesting workshop, readers may contact Aruba National Library at e-mail: info@bibliotecanacional.aw or call at tel. 582-1580.

Seating is limited.

Back Then



A major source for feeding the family was from the herds of goats that freely roamed the island to find additional sustenance. They had the right of way and still do although their numbers have dwindled in recent years. One would never see the owner following behind, but if something or someone happened to a member of the flock, the owner would instantly appear on the spot.

the space between the rods. They learned not to walk that way. However, they also learned that the small gates on either side of entrance to the sidewalk for pedestrians were not always closed and they filed in quietly, one after the other to feed on the tasty grass.

Iguanas also have the right of way. They were here long before two-legged creatures invaded their territory.

These creatures did bring

someone tries to pull them out and staying underwater for amazing lengths of time.

They can strip a plant and branches of trees in minutes; wait 'til the leaves grow back and feast again. Natives of the tropical Americas, they range in size depending on their habitat. Their eggs are considered a culinary delight. It is illegal here now to catch and cook iguanas; they are a protected species. On the island of Dominica, not be confused with The Dominican Republic, iguanas are called “mountain chicken.” They are small in size on Aruba, because Aruba is a small island, or so it is said.

These two-legged creatures also brought mops to wash the tile floors in their homes. Mop strings are essential to the bird population on Aruba for use in the construction of their nests. The gloriously beautiful and hugely varied bird population is now being put under the protection of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation organization established by Aruban Greg Peterson whose photographs are awesome. Unfortunately, the numbers of birds is rapidly declining due to the increase in construction projects over the past few years and the recent invasion of the boa constrictor. He is seeking enforcement of nature protection legislation not now being enforced.



The sight of the major male with his impressive beard and horns leading his flock of sedate females and jumping and frolicking youngsters was a joy to behold. Today, in the back-of-the-back, one may come upon this fundamental part of Aruban civilization. It is important to drive very carefully in those areas.

When The Carib (now the Radisson) was first built, the entrance driveway had the usual smooth pavement. The goats instantly found a new meal source: sweeping grasslands around the front of the hotel. And enjoy they did. The owner of the hotel did not. And so, pavement was removed leaving a gaping hole and grating was installed on top of the hole reaching from side to side. If a goat tried to walk on it, its foot would slip through

more vegetation to munch on and were forgiven. Scrambling along roads, seen climbing trees, basking in the sun high on rooftops, these bright green lizards discovered a tourist-type activity: they love swimming in backyard and hotel pools, diving down when



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Petition to Ministers for a national Boa constrictor control program

Future Aruba bird species at stake



ORANJESTAD -- On Wednesday, August 25, 2010, Greg Peterson of Aruba Birdlife Conservation and Diego Marquez, ecologist at Aruba's Arikok National Park visited Ministers Sevinger and Oduber, who are both responsible for environment and nature affairs of Aruba. The Ministers were requested to give their cooperation to a national Boa constrictor control program.

From 1999 to 2003 Park Rangers caught 273 Boas in Aruba. From 2004 to 2006 they caught 941 boas on the island. And from 2007 to 2009 they caught no less than 1781 boas in Aruba's nature. The increase in boa numbers over the years is alarming. The caught boas were euthanized with assistance of the Veterinary Department.

To illustrate the impact the boas are having on Aruba's birdlife, Peterson and Marquez created a simplified and preliminary calculation. Based on the number of boas caught by the Rangers, they estimate that a minimum of 2000 boas are actually present in Aruba's nature. A careful estimate of a boa having a meal every two weeks would lead to 26 meals per boa per year. Research shows that boa meals in Aruba consist of 1/3 birds – 1/3 reptiles – 1/3 mammals. Through this model it can be estimated that boas in the wild consume, at present numbers, (2000 x 26 x 1/3 =) 17.333 birds a year in Aruba.

The model illustrates that the same number of reptiles and mammals are consumed per year as well. If we take Aruba's size into consideration, then the 'Guam scenario' is the most likely outcome if action is not taken promptly.

In Guam the Brown Tree Snake was introduced 30 years ago unintentionally. At present no less than 8 endemic bird species are extinct, besides other species of fauna. The Boa constrictor, on the other hand, was first registered in the wild in Aruba in April of 1999, but it breeds in larger numbers than the Brown Tree Snake. This means that it will not take 30 years to reach a similar scenario, but it will go much faster. Aruba Birdlife Conservation is convinced that an Aruba without a Troupial, Prikichi, Patrishi or Shoco, four of Aruba's beloved bird species of which 2 are endemic, is not an acceptable future scenario.

Eradication of the boa is the most desired outcome, but most likely not achievable. So the only remaining attainable strategy is to develop and implement a 'control program' aimed at structurally, year in, year out, keeping the Boa's numbers as low as possible. To be able to monitor if the control program is effective enough, a yearly national bird count will be required.

Peterson and Marquez proposed to the Ministers to involve the entire community in the implementation of the Boa constrictor control program. In time, the entire population will have to learn to deal with the invasive Boa infestation as in any regular pest cases around one's home. The Ministers showed their understanding and shared their concerns about the serious implications of the increasing numbers of boas in Aruba's wildlife and committed to appointing government officials as soon as possible to analyze the proposition and to advise them on how best to proceed.

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Science/Tech Scientists create liver cells from human skin

WASHINGTON (AFP) — British scientists have grown liver cells out of stem cells from human skin, boosting hopes that healthy cells can be transplanted into organs to repair damage from diseases like cirrhosis and cancer, according to new findings.

Cambridge University researchers took skin biopsies from seven patients suffering from various hereditary liver diseases, and from three healthy patients, "reprogramming" the skin samples into stem cells which can effectively become any tissue in the body.

For the first time, such cells were used to mimic a range of liver diseases, according to the findings published in Wednesday's Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Growing liver cells in a laboratory is particularly difficult.

By replicating such cells in diseased livers, and replicating the healthy cells from a control group, researchers can not only determine precisely what is happening in the diseased cell, but also test the effectiveness of new therapies to treat diseases.

Principal investigator of the research Ludovic Vallier, of the MRC Centre for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine at Cambridge, described the work as "an important step towards delivering the clinical promises of stem cells."

Such genetic engineering could lead to targeted and personalized therapies and, once diseased cells are treated, could eventually enable the transplant of healthy liver cells into a patient's damaged liver.

The process could be used to create similar models for use in other organs, the study's authors said, although more research is needed.

The success comes as a debate swirls in the United States on research involving human embryonic stem cells, after a US judge Monday blocked federal funding for stem cell research.

Christian organisations had argued that federal funding would go for research that involved destroying human embryos, which they said violated a 1996 law.

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Adobe overhauls Photoshop.com, Ditches Sign-Up Requirement

Adobe this week announced several updates to its free Photoshop.com application, including the option to edit photos without signing up for an account.

Users who access the Photoshop Express Editor can now start uploading and editing photos immediately; no sign-in required.

Images must be JPEG files and be no larger than 16 megapixels. After you've edited the image, the editor will give you the option to save at the maximum size (318x476) or as a thumbnail (171x256). It will then save directly to your hard drive.

Three additional Photoshop.com features also got a makeover.

Photoshop Express Organizer is now a standalone application, which will serve as an "online hub" for your photos, Adobe said. It will provide access to images on Facebook, Flickr, Photobucket, and Picasa.

The Photoshop Express Uploader, meanwhile, is another application that allows for two-way syncing between online files and those

saved on a computer.

Finally, Adobe also revamped its slideshow feature to be more intuitive and customizable. "Now you can quickly apply the new Midnight theme to an album, customize the settings, and share a rich full-screen experience with others," Jordan Davis, Photoshop.com product manager, wrote in a blog post.

Access to the organizer, uploader, and slideshow features requires users to sign up for a free account. Adobe provides up to 2 G-bytes of free storage.

Davis said Adobe also updated the sharing functionality. "Basically we've removed a lot of the clutter, so now your images really stand out," he wrote. "We've also made it easier to share albums and galleries to Facebook and Twitter. Just click on one of the 'Share this page' links, and we'll take care of the rest."

The updates are part of an overhaul that first started in June, when Adobe added more photo tutorials and product information to Photoshop.com.

Eggshells look more colorful through the eyes of birds

Unlike humans, birds can see ultraviolet (UV) light, and they have four - rather than three - color receptors in their eyes, allowing them to better distinguish between hues.

Now researchers have shown that while most of the color variation in eggshells can be seen by humans and birds alike, a swath of hues that our eyes miss may play an important role in avian life. For instance, we are oblivious to the UV pigment that may help birds differentiate between their own eggs and those of another species.

Among vertebrates, birds are unique in laying eggs with pigmented shells, though scientists suspect the ancestral egg was white and

had none of the speckles now common on birds' eggs.

The researchers also looked at how the background color of eggshells (the color behind the speckles) varies between bird species from different points on their evolutionary family trees, shedding light on what might have driven the variation in color.

The details we miss

The team, led by Phillip Cassey of the University of Birmingham in England, measured the wavelengths of light reflected by 2,190 eggs laid by 251 bird species. The samples came from the Natural History Museum at Tring, United Kingdom. The study focused on background color.



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New drug shrinks many advanced melanomas

WASHINGTON (AFP) — An experimental therapy that targets the protein that feeds certain types of advanced skin cancer has successfully shrunk tumors in up to 80 percent of test patients, a study has indicated.

The orally-administered medication, called PLX4032, "shuts off" tumors by neutralizing a mutated gene called "BRAF" that feeds the cancerous growths.

"We have never seen an 80 percent response rate in melanoma, or in any other solid tumor for that matter, so this is remarkable," said Paul Chapman, senior author of the study and a doctor at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

"Metastatic melanoma has a devastating prognosis and is one of the top causes of cancer death in young patients," said Keith Flaherty of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center and a lead author.

"Until now, available therapies were few and unreliable, so these findings can really change the outlook for patients whose tumors are fueled by this mutation."

The study, published in the August 26 edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, grew out of the discovery that BRAF mutations, which occur in roughly half of patients with melanomas, effectively feed and grow the tumors.

PLX4032 blocks the BRAF protein at the cellular level, allowing researchers to test whether starving the melanomas of the gene would shrink patients' tumors.

The research is potentially exciting news for the treatment of patients with advanced skin cancer. Early-stage melanomas can usually be successfully removed surgically, but few treatment options currently exist once the cancer has spread.

Does hope have a dark side?

Imagine suffering from a chronic illness that challenges you every single day. You have aches and pains, difficulty getting around and sometimes suffer from surprising decreases in energy. You take fistfuls of medication for relief and endure countless medical procedures to keep the illness from progressing.

The illness might be physical, such as diabetes, chronic fatigue syndrome or arthritis. Or it might be emotional or psychological, such as anxiety or depression.

Either way, might your life be better if you stopped hoping to cure your condition and simply accepted things as they are?

"Sometimes knowing the adversity you face is permanent makes it easier to face that adversity," said Dr. Peter A. Ubel, a professor of medicine and psychology at the University of Michigan and director of the university's Center for Behavioral and Decision Sciences in Medicine.

Ubel co-authored a study that found that people who'd had a colostomy -- surgery that creates an opening in the

abdomen for stool to drain from the body -- but could have the procedure reversed in the future experienced no improvement in life satisfaction over time. But, people who had irreversible colostomies reported increased satisfaction with their quality of life.

It's not a conclusion that's been universally embraced, however. Dr. Ann Berger, chief of pain and palliative care at the U.S. National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md., said she believes the finding from the colostomy study only scrapes the surface of what a patient needs to undergo to experience healing from a chronic illness.

"Acceptance is only a very small part of ultimately developing a sense of wholeness in healing from a chronic illness," Berger said.

Ubel believes a couple of factors are probably at work here. First, people who hope for a cure that may never come will grow frustrated over time when there is no improvement in their situation.

"Happiness is not just a matter of circumstances, but

also how circumstances compare to your experiences," Ubel said. "If you continue to hold out hope that things will get better, you will feel more frustrated."

Also, Ubel explained, people holding out hope will experience a great deal of "Weltschmerz," a German expression referring to the pain people feel when comparing how life is to how life should be.

"If I'm hoping for something better, then I continually compare my current lot in life to what it could be, and the contrast hurts," Ubel said. "People who have a temporary condition think, 'Why do I have to live with this? I want to be better.' People with a permanent condition think, 'Things aren't perfect, but these are the cards I've been dealt.'"

Berger, on the other hand, thinks a range of life factors can affect how people deal with a chronic illness, including their psychological state before the illness, their social networks and support systems, and their sense of spirituality, Berger said, and none of those factors were considered in the study.

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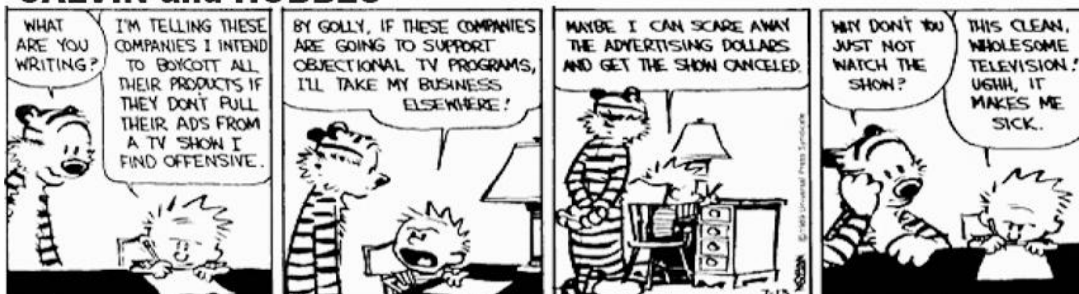
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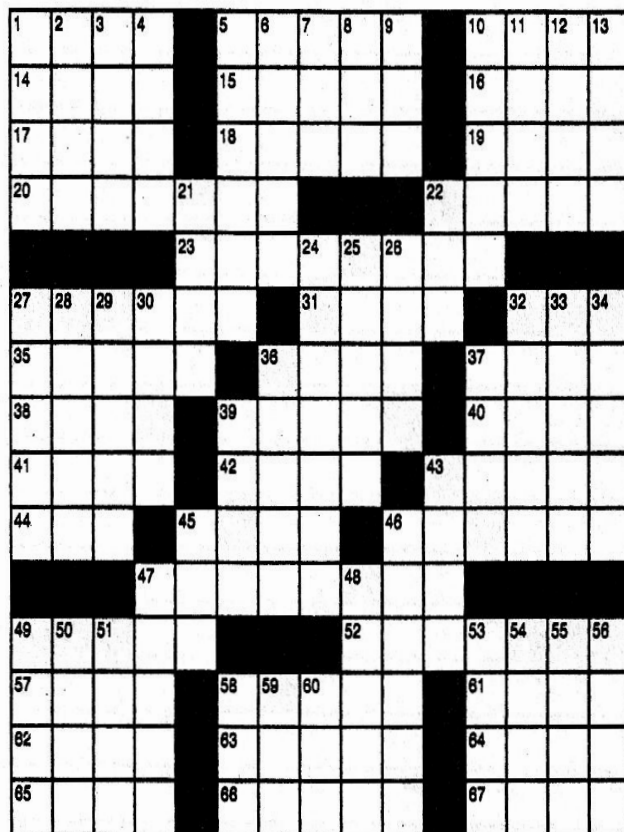
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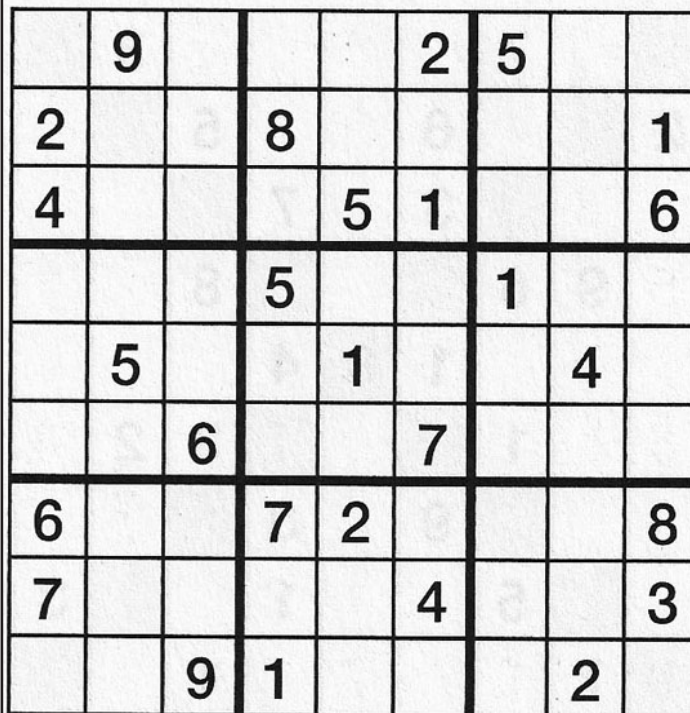
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Toyota recalls 1.13m Corolla vehicles in North America

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Japanese automaker Toyota announced yesterday the recall of 1.13 million of its popular Corolla vehicles in North America due to an engine fault.

Toyota, the world's largest car manufacturer, said the recall was issued for Corolla and Corolla Matrix vehicles built between 2005 and 2008 "to address some engine control modules (ECM) that may have been improperly manufactured."

It said in a statement that

there was a possibility that "a crack may develop at certain solder points or on the electronic component used to protect circuits against excessive voltage" on the ECM's circuit board.

The crack can result in the engine not starting or, in some cases, stopping while the vehicle is being driven, it said.

There were three "unconfirmed" accidents allegedly linked to this condition, one of which reported a minor injury, the statement said.

European stocks close higher, oil prices up

LONDON, England (AFP) - European stock markets closed higher yesterday as a technical rebound following recent sustained losses got a boost from better-than-expected US jobs figures, dealers said.

They said that after a run of outright bad US data, investors were surprised when the latest US new jobless claims fell to 473,000, beating most forecasts for 485,000, but cautioned that the underlying employment picture remained weak.

A recovery overnight on Wall Street from sharp early losses despite a dire US new homes sales report helped Asia do better, with Europe then following in turn.

Dealers said the tone remained very cautious, however, with markets braced for a sharp downgrade -- to around 1.4 percent from the initial 2.4 percent -- in revised US second quarter growth figures due today.

Should the revision be any worse, fears that the US economy risks falling back into recession would gain ground, putting markets firmly on the defensive.

In London, the FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed up 0.91 percent at 5,155.84 points. In Paris, the CAC 40 rose 0.72 percent to 3,475.03 points and in Frankfurt the DAX added 0.22 percent to

5,912.58 points.

Dealers said a solid German household confidence report buoyed nervous investors, with Europe's powerhouse economy helping its weaker peers along, as in Spain which confirmed its recovery from recession with 0.2 percent growth in the second quarter.

At the same time, the gains were largely a technical rebound after sustained losses and so will be vulnerable to any unpleasant surprises, as in the US data due today, they said.

Michael Hewson, market analyst at CMC Markets, said investors were adjusting positions and the jobless claims report helped provide some support but the employment market still remains weak.

"However ... this looks like nothing more than a technical rebound ahead of today's figures," Hewson said.

In New York, the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 0.11 percent at around 1600 GMT but holding above the key 10,000-points level it breached on Wednesday, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite was off 0.18 percent.

"When it comes down to it, the claims data provided more of the same in the sense that it continues to suggest hiring activity is not picking up to any great degree even if the num-

ber of layoffs has stabilised," said Patrick O'Hare, analyst at Briefing.com.

"The fundamental message of the report ... is that initial claims continue to run at a level that is not commensurate with a strong pickup in job growth," O'Hare said.

Elsewhere in Europe, Amsterdam put on 0.80 percent, Brussels was up 0.93 percent, Madrid rose 1.12 percent, Milan gained 1.39 percent and Swiss stocks closed 0.54 percent higher.

In Asian trade earlier, Tokyo rose 0.69 percent as a slightly weaker yen spurred bargain hunting after a four-day losing streak on worries the strong currency would undercut key exporters.

Hong Kong slipped 0.11 percent but Shanghai was up 0.27 percent and Sydney gained 0.83 percent.

Meanwhile, in London, world oil prices jumped to 75 dollars yesterday after news of a decline in new weekly claims for jobless benefits in top energy consumer the United States.

Brent North Sea crude for October gained 1.52 dollars to 75.00 dollars per barrel in late afternoon London trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for October delivery, jumped 98 cents to 73.50 dollars.

WGC: Global gold demand powered this year by China, India

LONDON, England (AFP) - World gold demand will be powered for the rest of 2010 by emerging market giants India and China, and increased investment buying, the World Gold Council said.

"Gold will remain robust during 2010 as a result of accelerating demand from India and China, as well as increasing global investment demand driven by continuing uncertainty over public debt and economic recovery," the WGC said in a report released late Wednesday.

The precious metal hit a record 1,265.30 dollars per ounce on June 21, propelled partly by concerns over the poor economic climate.

Gold, whose two main drivers are jewellery and investment buyers, is viewed as a safe-haven investment in times of economic uncertainty.

Total gold demand jumped 36 percent from a year earlier to 1,050 tons in the second quarter, the London-based

WGC added yesterday.

This was largely because of an enormous 118-percent increase in investment demand during the three months to June.

"Economic uncertainties and the ongoing search for less volatile and more diversified assets such as gold will underpin investment demand for gold in the immediate future," said Marcus Grubb, WGC managing director of investment.

"Further, in light of lingering concerns over public debt levels and the euro, European retail investor demand has in-

creased significantly."

In dollar terms, world gold demand soared 77 percent to 40.4 billion dollars in the second quarter, according to the WGC.

"India and China will continue to provide the main thrust of overall growth in demand, particularly for gold jewellery, for the remainder of 2010," it said.

Yesterday afternoon trading on the London Bullion Market, the price of gold rose to 1,244.30 dollars an ounce from 1,237.50 dollars an ounce on Wednesday.

Swiss hand over half of data to US in UBS tax evasion spat

GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) - Swiss authorities said yesterday that they had handed over to US authorities data on about half of the 4,450 American clients of Swiss bank UBS who were suspected of tax evasion by an August 26 deadline.

However, the federal finance department indicated that the United States and Switzerland had agreed to prolong the handover into the autumn under a deal to avert Washington's threatened lawsuit against one of Switzerland's biggest banks.

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The Early Bird special offers a choice of a full sized chicken breast, a hefty portion of filet mignon or fresh grouper fillet accompanied by a well-stuffed baked potato, rice or french fries. There is a

in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with



house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50%

with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.



the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-

appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

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Club 21, a charming new option in night life



For all those on Aruba who have long wished for a place to relax and enjoy favorite music and stimulating conversation, there is now a place "for the rest of us," in Palm Beach; the recently opened Grand Café 21, located in what was formally Pavarotti's and Bella Luna restaurants.

The new owners, Michael and Mireille Heilker have converted the formal restaurant into a cozy lounge/eatery where one can come to enjoy a gourmet meal from veteran Chef Wim Elzing, a fusion of French with a Caribbean flair,

and then stay on to dance and socialize in the relaxed surrounding.

A quick glance at the menu listed gourmet treats such as escargot, frog legs and a hearty crab and corn chowder along with fresh local fish, prime steaks and creative poultry dishes and salads at extremely reasonable prices. The owner's aim is to establish the sort of place where one cares to linger all night long, enjoying the casual but lively ambiance. "We open at 4:00 p.m. and close...when ever," explained Michael, "until the last customer is ready to come home."

Hailing originally from Holland and Suriname, Michael and Mireille have run two very successful and similar eateries in both countries. They confess they couldn't find anything quite like Grand Café 21 on the Aruba, and felt there was a void that needed to be filled.

If you wish to enjoy a full evening of fine dining and dancing as the world used to know, but loud, heavy electronic music is not your thing, than Grand Café 21 is the place for you! Open Tuesday through Sunday, they hope to soon welcome patrons "not as customers, but as friends."

by Rosalie Klein

Wake up and think twice about smelling the coffee

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Lovers of the world's most expensive coffee, found half-digested in the dung of the wild civet, fear that its unique taste may be spoiled by planned farming of the animals.

Collectors hunt for the coffee cherries in the droppings of civets in Indonesian plantations to make a brew enriched by the bushy-tailed, cat-like animal's stomach that sells for as much as \$770 a kg in London.

But as demand rises, producers have spotted an opportunity to increase supply by breeding the civets in cages and feeding them the coffee cherries. Production has started on a small scale.

Experts say the flavor relies on the civet's finicky feeding habits and varied diet to create the enzymes that enrich fermentation of the beans, so caged animals would produce a different coffee.

"I think wild civets offer more variants to the taste," said specialty coffee expert Edi Sumadi. "Inside the cage, the civets' diet is regulated, they're not free to pick following their instincts, so the enzyme inside their digestive system is monotonous."

Perkebunan Nusantara XII sells the civet coffee for \$130 a kg from factories or \$250 a kg in cafes on Indonesia's main island of Java, though the price multiplies as exports reach countries such as Korea, Japan, Italy and the United States.

"It's far tastier than any other coffee," said the firm's Danu Rianto. "To maintain high standards we have a standard operating procedure."

The coffee does not appeal



A civet cat



A palm civet eats Arabica coffee cherries in a coffee plantation in Indonesia's East Java province.

to everyone -- Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono took some as a gift on a visit to former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, only to find local media dub it "crappucino."

But now that Indonesia's highest Islamic authority has certified the brew as no longer "haram," or banned for Muslims, in the world's most populous Muslim nation -- so long as the beans are well washed -- producers, including

Perkebunan Nusantara XII, are eyeing a bigger market.

In Jakarta's cafes, a cup of civet coffee, known as "kopi luwak," sells for around \$9 to \$11, and is attracting more interest.

"The taste is very smooth, the smell nice, and hey, it's not entirely haram after you wash it," said Andrea Guna, a first-time taster.

"The price is double that of Starbucks, but the taste is way more than double."

Mother Teresa remembered, 100 years on from birth

KOLKATA, India (AFP) — Nuns, priests and slum-dwellers held a solemn mass in Kolkata yesterday to mark the birth centenary of Mother Teresa, known as the "Saint of the Gutters" for her work with the city's sick and dying.

Outside India, the anniversary was also celebrated in Mother Teresa's birthplace in Macedonia, and in the country of her parents, Albania.

The Kolkata mass, presided over by Cardinal Telephore Placidus Toppo of Ranchi, was celebrated at the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity -- the order of nuns that Mother Teresa founded in the eastern Indian



city 60 years ago.

A message from Pope Benedict XVI was read out at the two-hour service, which drew around 1,000 people, including

scores of residents from the city's slums which have always been the focus of the order's work. The chapel, decorated with flowers and candles, was so packed that hundreds had to stand outside.

Afterwards, the nuns who succeeded Mother Teresa, Sister Nirmala and the current head of the order, Sister Prema, released some white doves as a symbol of peace and compassion.

Mother Teresa, a Nobel peace prize winner and now Roman Catholic saint-in-waiting, was born on August 26, 1910 to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje in Macedonia.

Italians lament tough draws

ROME (AFP) - Inter Milan and AC Milan were lamenting their tough luck after being given difficult groups following the Champions League draw in Monaco on Thursday.

AC Milan were paired with Real Madrid for the second year running, along with four-time champions Ajax and Auxerre.

Reigning champions Inter pulled Tottenham, Werder Bremen and Dutch champions FC Twente out of the hat.

But Inter president Massimo Moratti was actually surprised that his team didn't get paired with former coach Jose Mourinho's new team, Real.

"I thought we'd get Mourinho straight away, as happened with Barcelona last year," he said, referring to the fact that Inter drew Barcelona last season, after swapping Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Samuel Eto'o.

"I don't know if it's better to play them in the group or if it's worse to get them in the quarter-finals."

Moratti admitted he would be supporting Mourinho's Real against Inter's bitter city rivals Milan.

But looking at his own group, he said it wouldn't be easy.

"It's a tough group, difficult and even because all our opponents are good and there's no weak teams."

"We'll have to tackle it very seriously from the beginning, without being casual or distracted, from the first game to the last."

"But I doubt Milan's will be a breeze either."

Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said the two Milan clubs had landed the toughest draws.

"Our group and Inter's are definitely the most difficult," he said. "We're up against solid and well prepared teams."

"Of course it's very motivating to face Real Madrid, both the San Siro and Santiago Bernabeu will be packed to the rafters, no doubt it will be a show."

"Ajax and Auxerre passed the qualifying rounds with flying colours and they should be feared."

"We're going to have maximum concentration and top physical condition for all our matches."

"It's a group of death, but we'll do what we need to."

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GROUP STAGE DRAW

Group A

Inter Milan (ITA)
Werder Bremen (GER)
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Twente (NED)

Group B

Lyon (FRA)
Benfica (POR)
Schalke (GER)
Hapoel Tel-Aviv (ISR)

Group C

Man Utd (ENG)
Valencia (ESP)
Rangers (SCO)
Bursaspor (TUR)

Group D

Barcelona (ESP)
Panathinaikos (GRE)
Copenhagen (DEN)
Rubin Kazan (RUS)

Group E

Bayern Munich (GER)
Roma (ITA)
Basel (SUI)

CFR Cluj (ROM)

Group F

Chelsea (ENG)
Marseille (FRA)
Spartak Moscow (RUS)
Zilina (SVK)

Group G

AC Milan (ITA)
Real Madrid (ESP)
Ajax (NED)
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Top seed Wozniacki can see Sharapova in round of 16



NEW YORK (AFP) - Top seed Caroline Wozniacki could face Maria Sharapova, Chinese eighth seed Li Na and Serbian fourth seed Jelena Jankovic in a difficult path back to the US Open final following Thursday's draw.

Belgium's Kim Clijsters beat the Danish star 7-5, 6-3 in last year's final to complete her remarkable comeback after two years away from the game to start a family and is seeded second this year behind Wozniacki.

But Wozniacki, who opens against American Chelsey Gullickson when the Flushing Meadows fortnight begins Monday, had the misfortune of landing Sharapova for a potential fourth-round foe in her bid a first Grand Slam title.

Sharapova, the 2006 US Open winner, pulled out of Montreal last week with a foot injury but was runner-up at Cincinnati in the other main US Open tuneup. The three-time Grand Slam champion opens against Aus-

tralian Jarmila Groth.

World number one Serena Williams is absent, sidelined by a right foot injury suffered after she won Wimbledon last month for her 13th career Slam crown. That opens the door for a host of players to claim the title.

"It's always great to have Serena in the draw. You know you are going to have a tough battle," Clijsters said. "Not to have her here, it's sad for the organizers and for the fans."

Serbian fourth seed Jelena Jankovic opens against Romanian Simona Halep and could meet Aussie Alicia Molik or a qualifier in round

two with Russian seventh seed Vera Zvonareva a possible quarter-final foe.

US third seed Venus Williams drew Italy's Roberta Vinci as her opening opponent with Italian sixth seed Francesca Schiavone, the French Open champion, the top-ranked rival in her quarter of the draw.

Clijsters, who won the Cincinnati title as well as crowns at Brisbane and Miami this year, will open her title defense against Hungary's Greta Arn with a possible quarter-final against Aussie fifth seed Samantha Stosur.

While being nagged by a hip injury, Clijsters will put off a medical check until after the tournament.

"Practicing this week, it felt much better," Clijsters said. "Even if it's bad, it's not like I'm not going to play the US Open. If it still bothers me after the Open, I will go get it tested."

Clijsters has played a minimal schedule to maximize family time, but expects to improve with every match.

"It takes some time to find my rhythm, be in control of my game. Once I play a few matches my game gets better and better," Clijsters said.

"I know when I play good tennis I can beat anybody out there. People are going to want to put me as one of the favorites. I'm just going to try to be the best player on the day of the match and beat my opponents."



LONDON (AFP) - England will host Test and one-day series against both Sri Lanka and India in 2011, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced Thursday.

Hampshire's Rose Bowl ground will stage its first Test during a three-match series between England and Sri Lanka that will be followed

by a Twenty20 international and five one-day internationals.

England then play India in a four Test series ahead of a Twenty20 international and a five-match one-day series.

ECB chief executive David Collier said: "With India currently the number one ranked Test side in the ICC Test Rankings and Sri Lanka in third place, England supporters can expect to see two exciting Test series against high quality opposition."

"Both teams will also provide a tough challenge for England in the shorter forms of the game in what promises to be a highly competitive and entertaining summer of international cricket all round."



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No Elin, no problem as leader Tiger enjoys season best



PARAMUS (AFP) - Newly-divorced Tiger Woods fired his lowest round since his sex scandal erupted nine months ago, a six-under par 65 Thursday that gave him a share of the clubhouse lead at The Barclays.

Three days after ending his nearly six-year marriage to Elin Nordegren, the world's number one golfer fired seven birdies against a lone bogey to match fellow American Vaughn Taylor for the lead with half the field on the course.

Asked if he felt a weight lifted from him, Woods said: "I can't really say that's the case. As far as golf-wise, it was nice to put it together."

Woods's admission of multiple affairs made him a laughing stock and led to a five-month layoff from golf.

His game suffered, hitting an all-time low earlier this month with his worst four-round showing at the Bridge-

stone Invitational.

"It was a lot more difficult than I was letting on," Woods said Wednesday of playing through his divorce.

"Most of the summer was like that. You try to block it out, but yes, at times it was (very painful)."

Asked if his swing struggles hitting the ball were greater than the personal distractions Woods has faced, the 14-time major winner said, "I think it's all the above. To be honest with you, I think it's all of the above."

Ironically, Woods was talking about making a long-term commitment only three days after his divorce was made final. Only this time, he was speaking about his need to be fully committed to swing changes made with new coach Sean Foley.

"I need to wrap my head around having a commitment level going forward with this new change because this

would be my fourth new swing since I've been on the tour and it takes a while to implement and put it all together," he said.

"I will commit to it. I just haven't quite figured out which way I'm going to go with it yet."

Woods's best previous round since the scandal broke last November was his 66 during the third round of the US Open at Pebble Beach in June.

Woods has not won in nine events this year, the worst stretch of his fabled career. The 34-year-old star has gone 10 majors without a title, matching his longest drought.

"It was a good ball-striking day. Nice to have control," Woods said. "I didn't warm up very well initially and was struggling a little bit. But I fixed it."

Woods entered the first US PGA playoff event ranked 112th in points and needing to reach the top 100 to qualify for next week's event in Boston.

But so many points are on offer that Woods would jump to the top of the list if he could win the title. He must finish at least 57th to advance.

"I figure if I win I should be OK, so that doesn't change things," Woods said. "I have to play well this week in order to advance and this is a good start."

Woods appears to be back in the prime form that has seen him move within four of the all-time record set 18 major titles won by Jack Nicklaus.

Dyson confident as chase for Ryder Cup spots hots up

GLENEAGLES (AFP) - Simon Dyson is dreaming of a shock place in Europe's Ryder Cup team after an impressive opening round at the Johnnie Walker Championship on Thursday.

Dyson continued his late charge for a spot in Colin Montgomerie's squad for the clash against the United States with a four under par 68, which left him in joint seventh place.

To make Europe's side the 32-year-old Englishman not only has to win the final event, but also Miguel Angel Jimenez has to finish outside the top nine.

Dyson is two shots two behind leader Richard Finch, while Jimenez's 70 has him outside the top 25.

Twelfth in the US PGA Championship a fortnight ago and fifth at the Czech Open on Sunday, Dyson said: "It's amazing what your attitude can be like when you know that you have to win."

"Too often players, including myself, walk into a tournament and think 'we'll give it a go, but there's always next week."

"I wouldn't say I haven't been enjoying my golf, but not as much as I normally do. And then all of a sudden you hit a bit of form and these last few weeks it's really kicked in again."

"I'm really having a lot of fun out there and that's half the battle really."

European captain Montgomerie knows what Dyson would bring to his side if he does pull it off this weekend.

"He's a passionate challenge - up for the challenge and a very bright and sparky character," Montgomerie said after

his own 71, a vast improvement on 79-83 last time out at the final major of the season.

"To have to come here and win and to start like that is a fantastic effort, so all credit to him."

Even if he does win and Jimenez is in the top nine Dyson would still make it if Swede Peter Hanson, whose victory in the Czech Open on Sunday prompted the Spaniard to enter this week's event, is worse than 43rd.

Hanson, though, began with a 69, while Jimenez's compatriot Alvaro Quiros, who like Dyson needs a victory, mixed five birdies with five bogeys for a 72.

Ross McGowan, bothered by a trapped nerve for the past month and before that by knee and wrist problems, withdrew after a 77 that saw him play through the pain barrier.

That means McGowan can't qualify for the Ryder Cup and gives Italy's Francesco Molinari an automatic place in the team.

"Unfortunately I won't be able to make the team now, but I've got a few years left in me, so hopefully I'll make it in a couple of years' time," McGowan said.

"I'm pretty gutted. I had a great opportunity to make the team after having such a good finish to last year."

He won the Madrid Masters and then finished second to Lee Westwood in the Dubai World Championship.

Westwood himself is currently resting his torn calf muscle and Europe's leading Ryder Cup qualifier, out for two weeks already, may not play competitively until the match on October 1-3.

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Inaugural Youth Olympics officially close



Fireworks explode over Mariana Bay during the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympics closing ceremony

SINGAPORE (AFP) - The inaugural Youth Olympics officially closed on Thursday amid glowing praise, bringing the curtain down on 12 days of sporting competition and cultural and educational activities for athletes.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques

Rogge, who nurtured the event, hailed the Games for exceeding all expectations with medals won by 93 of the 205 nations and territories taking part.

The Singapore organising committee chose not to keep an official medal table in line with the Games being about

education as much as competition, but independent counts put China on top, ahead of Russia.

"Congratulations Singapore for a job superbly done. You rose brilliantly to the challenge of combining elite sport, education and culture," Rogge said in ending the

Pitching legend Clemens faces Monday arraignment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former Major League Baseball star pitcher Roger Clemens will be arraigned Monday on charges of perjury, lying to US lawmakers and obstruction of Congress, a federal judge announced Thursday.

Clemens will have a 2 p.m. (1800 GMT) hearing before US District Judge Reggie Walton on six counts of lying to Congress when he denied taking performance-enhancing drugs in a 2008 hearing before US lawmakers.

Walton, who has said he hopes to schedule a trial for next spring, handled a similar case against I. Lewis Libby, the former chief of staff of former US Vice President Dick Cheney.

Clemens faces a maximum of 30 years in prison and a 1.5 million-dollar fine if convicted on all charges, but sentencing guidelines would typically mean he would face between 15 or 21 months in prison.

Clemens is expected to plead not guilty based upon his denial of the charges last

week in a Twitter message.

"I never took HGH or Steroids. And I did not lie to Congress," Clemens said in a posting on the internet social network. "I look forward to challenging the Governments accusations, and hope people will keep an open mind until trial."

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner as top pitcher, contradicted his former trainer, Brian McNamee, at a February 2008 hearing before the House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.



Games during a colourful ceremony at Marina Bay.

"Athletes, you proved you have learned what it means to be a true champion and not just a winner."

"These were truly inspirational Games," he added.

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